State aid to Agriculturial Farms, Limited, Ramayyanpatti, Tirunelveli district.

* 38 Q.—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of State aid given to the Agricultural Farms Limited, Ramayyanpatti, Tirunelveli district;

(b) whether the concern is now functioning; if so, what has it produced during the last two years; and

(c) whether any portion of the aid has been repaid by the above company?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No aid has been given to the Agricultural Farms, Limited, Ramayyanpatti, under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act.

" (b) The Government have no information.

" (c) Does not arise."

Buses under the Madras State Transport System.

* 39 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) when the "Red Ladies" (Guy and Leyland) were introduced in the Madras State Transport System and how many of them are working, and whether they have been found satisfactory;

(b) when the Guy chassis, purchased during 1952–53 are expected to be put on the road and why there has been so much delay in building bodies;

(c) how many light diesel buses are now in the Government Transport System and how many more of this type are proposed to be purchased and the amount sanctioned for the same; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a comparative statement showing the particulars in regard to cost, life, performance and breakdowns during 1952–53 of the heavy and light types?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The Guy and Leyland diesel buses were introduced in the Government Bus Service on 4th June 1951 and 21st December 1951 respectively. There are at present one Guy Arab, one Leyland and eight Guy Gardner vehicles. Their performance has been very satisfactory.

" (b) All the eight Guy chassis delivered in November 1952 were put in the road between April and July 1953. It needs some time to fabricate the appropriate special type of body kits and to assemble them and construct the bodies.

" (c) Thirty-five new diesel buses and forty-four old buses whose petrol engines have been replaced by diesel engines. The